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“No Time”

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- What** This skit features two of the bridesmaids from Jesus' parable in Matthew 25:1-13. They prepare for the coming of the bridegroom and provide a powerful reminder of the importance of being ready for Christ's return.
- Themes: Ten Virgins, Jesus' Parables, Priorities, Second Coming, Return of Christ, Kingdom of Heaven, Time, Eternity, New Year, Prophecy, Being Ready, Obedience
- Who** Vera
Holda
- When** 1st century Judea with present-day relevance
- Wear (Props)** Dresses and head coverings
Two tall torch lights or oil lamps
Soft cleaning cloth
This can also be performed in present-day clothes.
- Why** Matthew 25:1-13
- How** Emphasize the lines that are said together at the end. The script is adaptable. We recently did a last-minute production in which we wore present-day dresses and used music stands to hold our scripts because we really had no time to prepare. In the beginning, Holda was asleep on a pillow on her music stand. She played the sleepy part to the hilt. After partially rousing, Holda plopped her head back on the pillow and the music stand went down. Holda's reaction was hilarious and brought the house down, but it also underscored the point of the piece. So, don't be afraid to think of creative ways to use the script. Of course, unless you have a natural like this particular Holda, it would be best to take time to rehearse ahead of time!
- Time** Approximately 3-4 minutes

Eyes closed. Heads down as if sleeping.

Vera: *(lifts head, opens eyes, cups ear, and speaks excitedly)* It's time, Holda! The bridegroom is coming!

Shakes Holda gently. Holda stretches irritably and turns her back on Vera.

Vera: *(smiles and shakes her head, then tries to wake Holda again)* Holda, wake up! The bridegroom is coming!

Holda: *(yawns and opens one eye; shakes head and speaks with exasperation)* The bridegroom is coming now? *(Yawns again)* Vera, it's the middle of the night!

Vera: Holda, we knew it could be late; that's why we brought our lamps. *(Holds up her lamp and trims the wick)*

Holda: *(yawns again)* This is no time for the bridegroom to come. It's time to sleep.

Vera: No, Holda! This is the bridegroom's wedding day. He has the right to come any time he wants. It's time for us to wake up and do what we promised to do. We're to light the way so the groom can bring his bride home!

Holda shakes herself irritably.

Vera: Come on, Holda! Wake up! They'll be here soon.

Holda: *(sighs; picks up her lamp and trims it half-heartedly. Hands lamp to Vera)* Here, Vera, since you're so wide awake, you can fill my lamp. I didn't have time to get oil.

Vera: *(shocked)* What? You didn't bring oil? *(Refuses to take Holda's lamp)*

Holda: I was too busy. I had to get a new robe...fix my hair...go places with my friends. *(Yawns)* There was no time to buy oil.

Vera: *(shakes head in disbelief)* NO TIME TO BUY OIL? What good is a lamp without oil? *(Polishes her lamp)*

Holda: Hey, get off my case already and give me some oil.

Vera: Holda, I wish I could, but I don't have enough oil for both of us.

Holda: Don't have enough? Whatever happened to the good ole' principle of sharing? I thought you were my friend, Vera, but now, when I need oil, you won't share. You're not much of a friend!

Vera: Holda, I am your friend...but if I give you half my oil, both our lamps will go out, and neither of us will be able to provide light for the wedding celebration. That's why we're here, you know.

Holda flounces off in anger.

Vera: You can buy oil in the village. *(Lights her lamp)*

Holda: There's no time to go to the village. The bridegroom is coming. You said so yourself.

Vera: Yes, Holda, the bridegroom is coming. You'd better hurry.

Holda: BUT THERE'S NO TIME! The celebration is about to begin. *(Becomes increasingly upset)* What a bad time to learn there's no time! No time to go to the village...no time to buy oil.

Both: NO TIME...NO TIME AT ALL...WHEN THE TIME ACTUALLY COMES.

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